



*In Honor of Anthony J. "Sal" Salvucci
"Our Dear Friend"
September 16, 1933 – April 4, 2014*

New Meeting Room Numbers: 202 is now 205; 209 is now 204; 222 is now 211

NEWS, NOTES & REMINDERS – JANUARY 9, 2015

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- **Finance Committee** – The committee will be meeting on **Monday, January 12th at 7:00p.m.** in Room 211.
- **Zoning and Planning Committee** – The committee will be meeting on **Monday, January 12th at 7:45p.m.** in Room 205.
- **Financial Audit Advisory Committee** – The advisory committee meeting on **Tuesday, January 13th** has been *cancelled*.
- **Land Use Committee** – The committee will be meeting on **Tuesday, January 13th at 7:00p.m.** in the Chamber.
- **Honoring Sal Salvucci** – The Ward Three Democratic Committee is honoring former colleague Anthony 'Sal' Salvucci on **Thursday, January 15th from 7:30p.m. to 9:00p.m.** at the home of Linda and David Shapiro. They reside at 79 Webster Park in West Newton. For more information and to RSVP please contact W3 Chair Larissa Hordynsky at larissa@syntactis.com.
- **Joint Board and School Committee Meeting** – We will be hosting a joint meeting of our two bodies on **Tuesday, January 20th** *between first and second call* to discuss the progress of the *Cabot School* discussions in the Working Group and Building Committee. Please refer to the Working Group summary below. You can direct any questions to Ald.

Albright, who is serving on the Working Group and Building Committee and Ald. Fuller and Norton, who are serving on the Building Committee. *We will also be getting an update on the 50% design drawings for Zervas.* The Board calendar lists the meeting beginning at 7:00p.m. The calendar will be amended next week to what I have depicted here.

REMINDERS

An Invitation from Jayne Colino

- **Living and Aging in Newton: Now and in the Future** – The Newton Department of Senior Services and the Newton Council on Aging invites members of the Board of Aldermen to a presentation and conversation of our findings on **Monday February 2, 2015 @ 6:30 in room 205** Presenters include: Marian Knapp PhD, Chair of the Council on Aging; Bernard Steinman PhD, Principal Investigator UMASS Boston Gerontology Institute; Jayne Colino, Director of Senior Services. Please don't hesitate to contact Jayne Colino for any information in advance of the presentation at 617-796-1671. Thank you in advance for your interest and participation in this important conversation.

Background: *In 2013, the Senior Citizens Fund of Newton, Inc. commissioned a survey of Newton residents age 50 and older to investigate the needs, interests, preferences, and opinions of the City's older resident population, with respect to living and aging in Newton. Results were to be used to inform and guide the Department of Senior Services and the Council on Aging in its planning efforts into the future. The Gerontology Institute at the John W. McCormack Graduate School of Policy & Global Studies, University of Massachusetts Boston was engaged to design a research strategy, develop and administer a survey instrument, analyze data, report findings, and create a final report. All work was done with the active involvement of NDSS staff, COA members, and Newton residents. The survey and report was completed in Summer of 2014 and we are now proud to present it to the public. Our research focused on the issues of **Housing, Transportation & Mobility, Community Involvement & Engagement, Health, Well-Being and Life-Style**, and how the NDSS and COA can improve current programs and services, and continue to develop itself as an innovative leader in meeting the needs of the ever increasing numbers of seniors in our community. In 2010 (U.S. Census), there were more than 18,600 residents age 60 and over, representing close to 22% of Newton's population. Approximately 12,300 residents were between 50 and 59, representing another 14.5%. Since data from this survey shows that most respondents wish to remain in Newton as they age, we expect that our senior population will increase to more than 30% over the next few decades. Although we have been well aware of the growth in our senior population, this report is historic because it pulls together demographic information along with what residents see as important to them as they age. We have learned a great deal from this project and the results will serve as an important planning tool moving forward.*

WORKING GROUP UPDATES

- **Cabot School Working Group** – *Submitted by Ald. Susan Albright*

Matrix Ruling Out Alternate Sites – The architect et al produced a matrix showing the viability of each of the alternate sites in comparison to Cabot site. This will be presented to the Cabot Building Committee (CBC) at its next meeting for its final vote. The matrix entries reflected the vote at the last meeting that the existing site remains the most viable option. We asked them to add another line for cost - to reflect, for example, the cost of

replacing the DPW Craft Street yard if we took that for a school.

Program Approval Document – They shared with us the table of contents for the program approval document that will be submitted to the MSBA at the end of the month. There is one section - part 5 about the site, access, parking and circulation. I asked if any schematics of possible designs will be delivered to MSBA. If so, they would need to be shared with the Board. (It was stated at the beginning that no schematic designs are ready to be shared). They promised to check back to both the Angier submittal and the first Angier presentation to the Board to see if any schematics were part of that presentation. This would be reported at the CBC meeting

Schedule – We spent a lot of time talking about the schedule and all the pieces that have to be fit in. Here are the additions to the schedule:

1. Parks and Rec commission - As some options involve taking some park land this will have to be discussed with Parks and Rec. It will be presented at their January meeting and we don't expect a vote until their March meeting.

2. Meeting for Abutters and Cabot school community - Feb 11th

3. Meeting for the larger Cabot community - March 12th

Bob DeRubeis will initiate conversations with Little League and Soccer groups to tell them about potential impact to their fields and start the process of getting feedback.

Joint BOA/SC meeting on Jan 20th

The agenda for this meeting would be:

1. Cabot program with an explanation of how it differs from the prior two schools
2. A presentation on the matrix - ruling out alternate sites
3. Schedule - A presentation on the schedule
4. We will also mention that serious consideration is being given to both renovation/addition vs new construction

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